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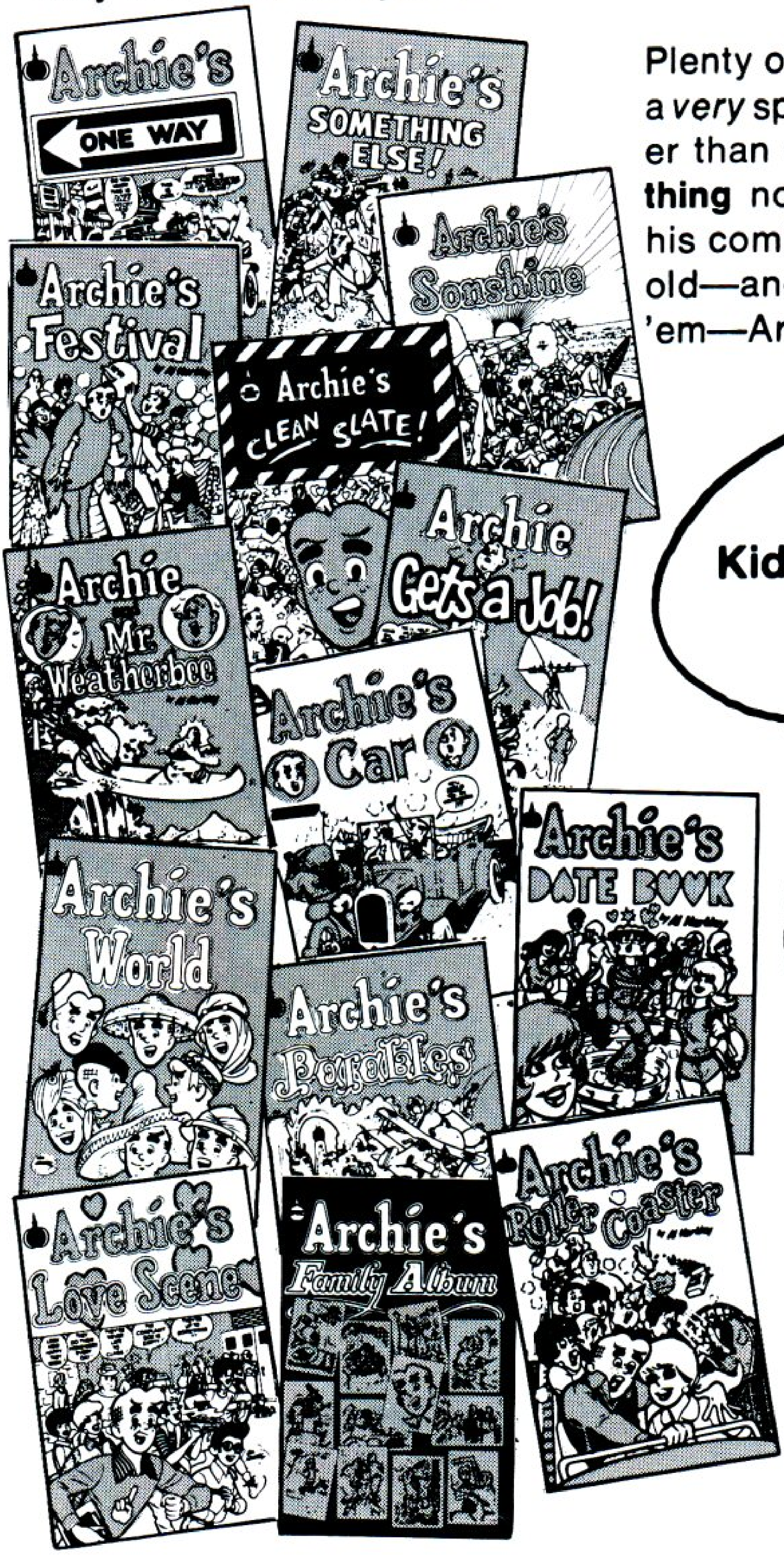
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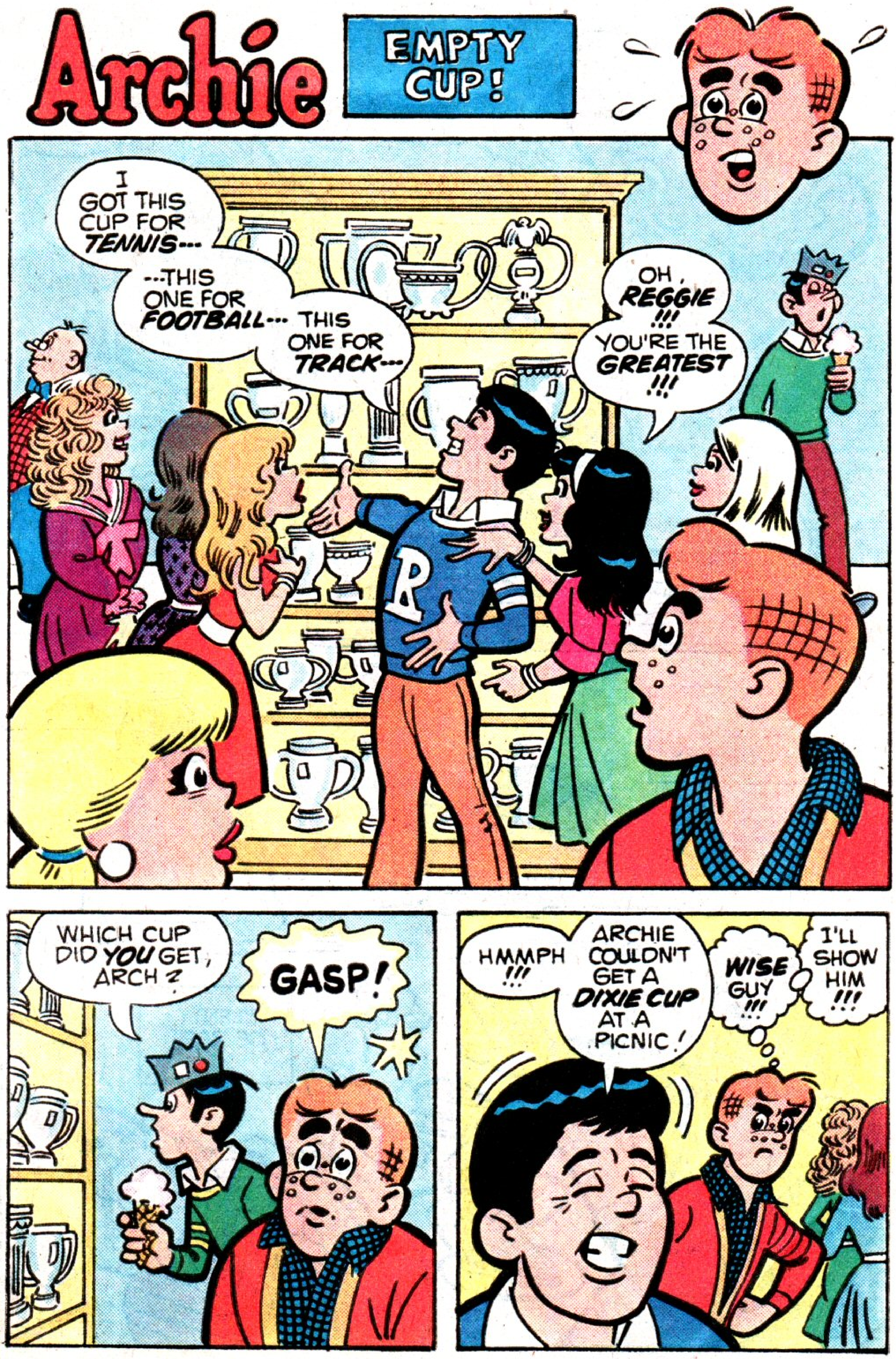
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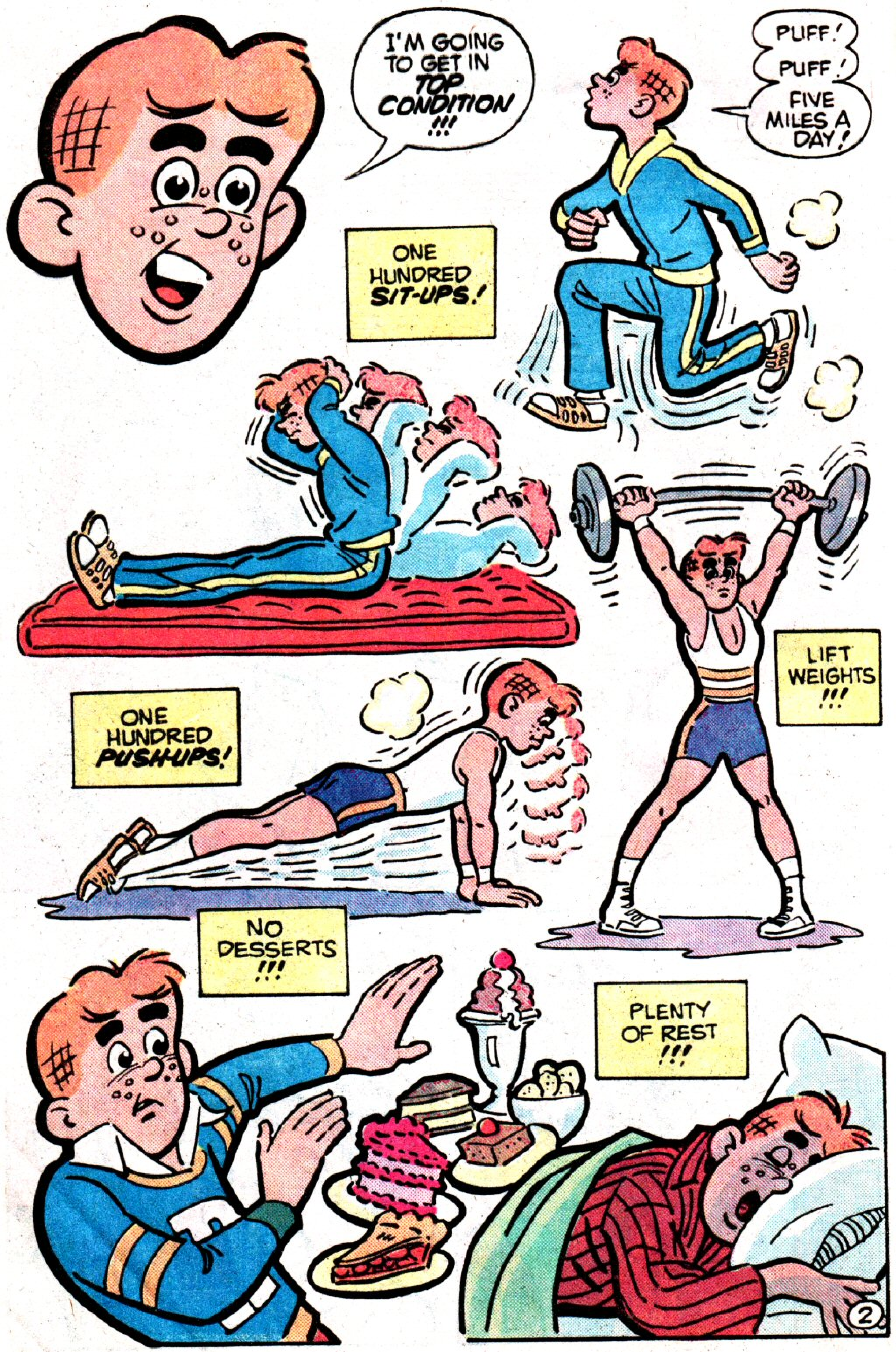
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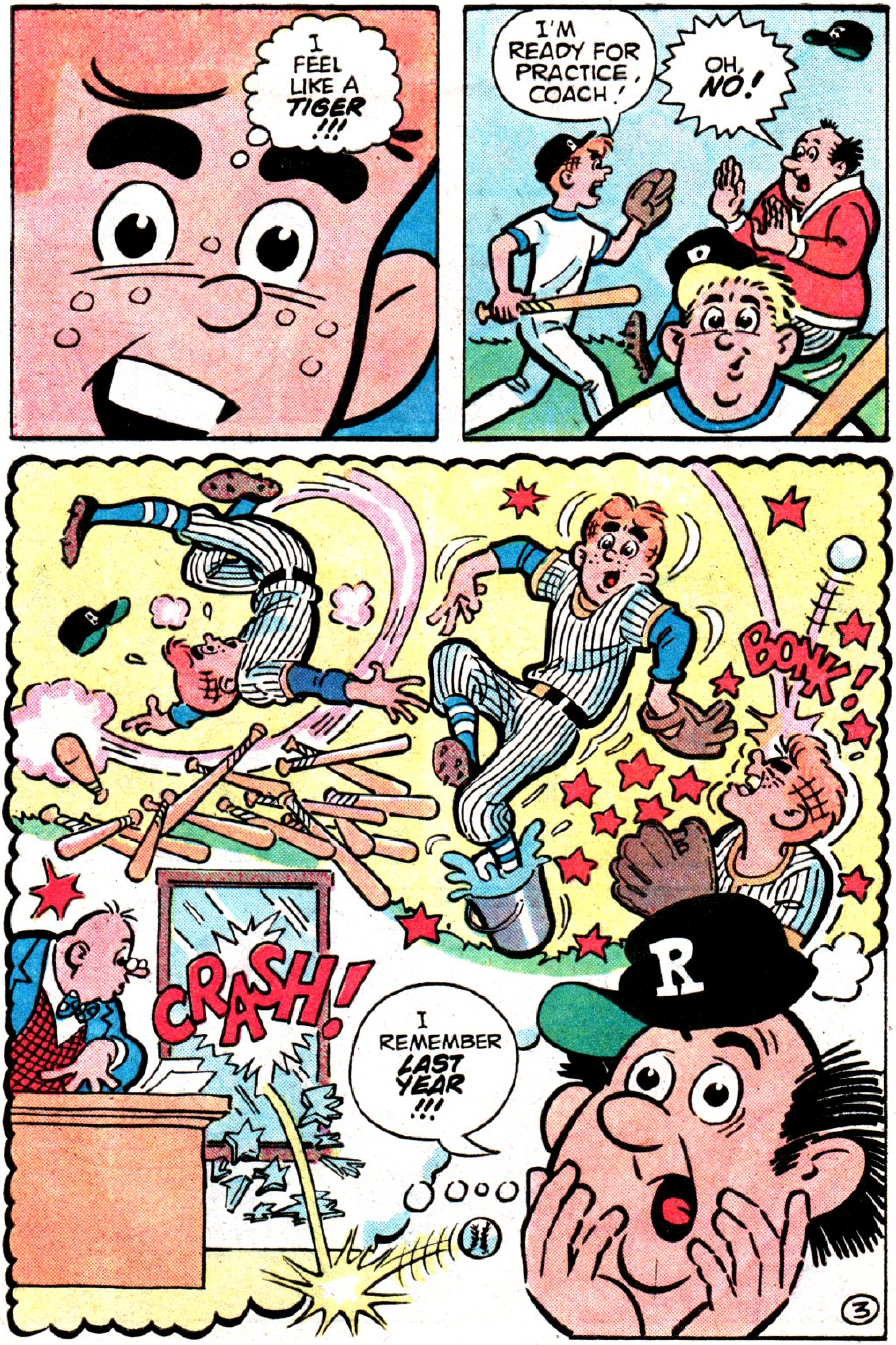


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Archie
EMPTY CUP!
I GOT THIS CUP FOR TENNIS---
--THIS ONE FOR FOOTBALL--- THIS ONE FOR TRACK---
OH, REGGIE!!! YOU'RE THE GREATEST!!!
WHICH CUP DID YOU GET, ARCH?
GASP!
HMMPH!!!
ARCHIE COULDN'T GET A DIXIE CUP AT A PICNIC!
WISE GUY!!!
I'LL SHOW HIM!!!

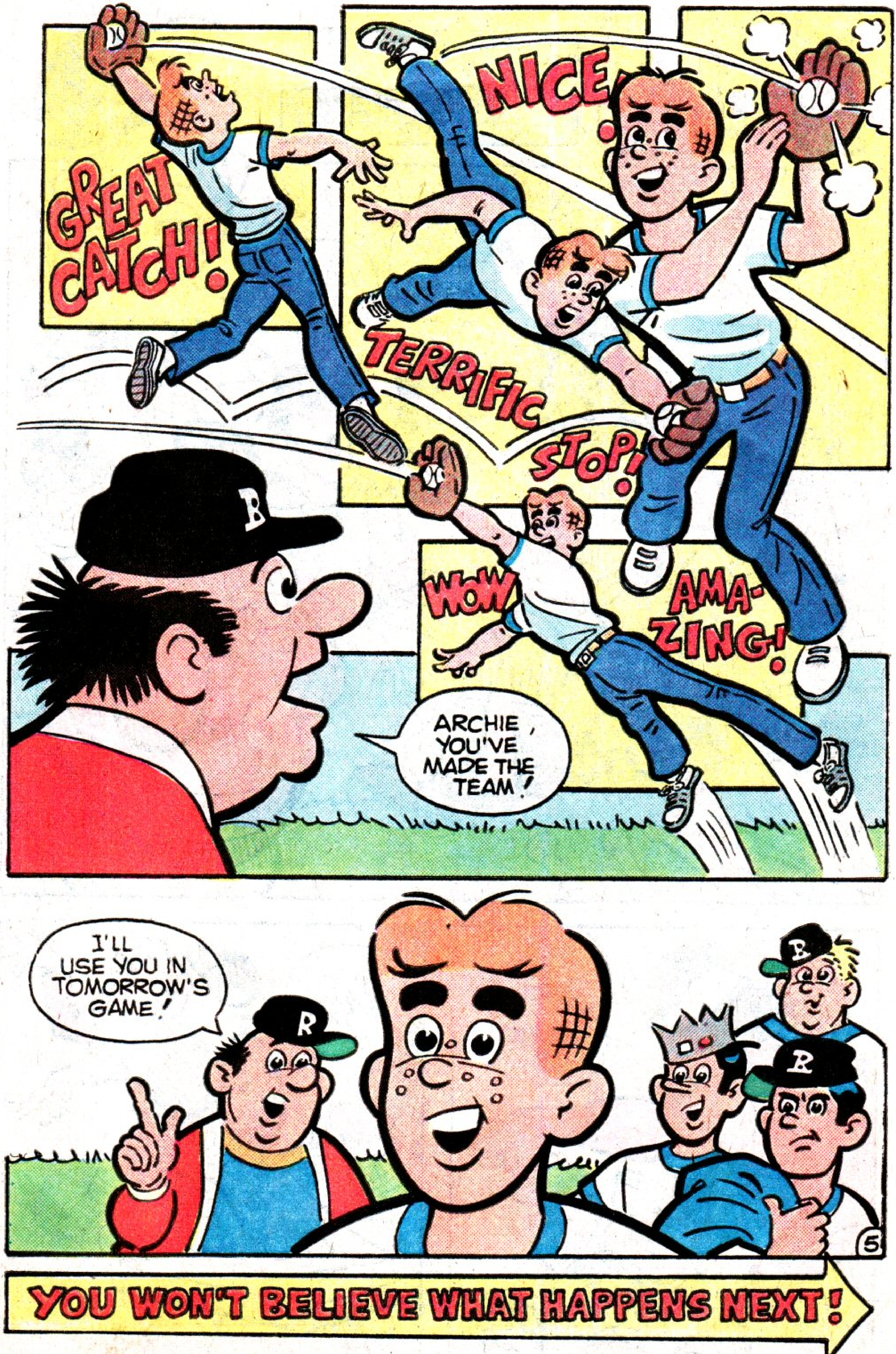


I'M GOING TO GET IN TOP CONDITION !!!
PUFF!
PUFF!
FIVE MILES A DAY!
ONE HUNDRED SIT-UPS!
LIFT WEIGHTS !!!
ONE HUNDRED PUSH-UPS!
NO DESSERTS !!!
PLENTY OF REST !!!
2



I FEEL LIKE A TIGER !!!
I'M READY FOR PRACTICE, COACH!
OH, NO!
BONK!
CRASH!
I REMEMBER LAST YEAR !!!
3


PLEASE, COACH---
--- GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE!
SIGH!
OKAY!
GO RUN LAPS WITH THE SQUAD!!!
R
HMM--- HE HASN'T TRIPPED OVER HIS SHOE-LACES---
---YET!
HE'S RUNNING NECK AND NECK WITH REGGIE!
HE'S DEVELOPED A GOOD SWING!
POW!


GREAT CATCH!
NICE
TERRIFIC STOP!
WOW
AMA-ZING!
ARCHIE, YOU'VE MADE THE TEAM!
I'LL USE YOU IN TOMORROW'S GAME!
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YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

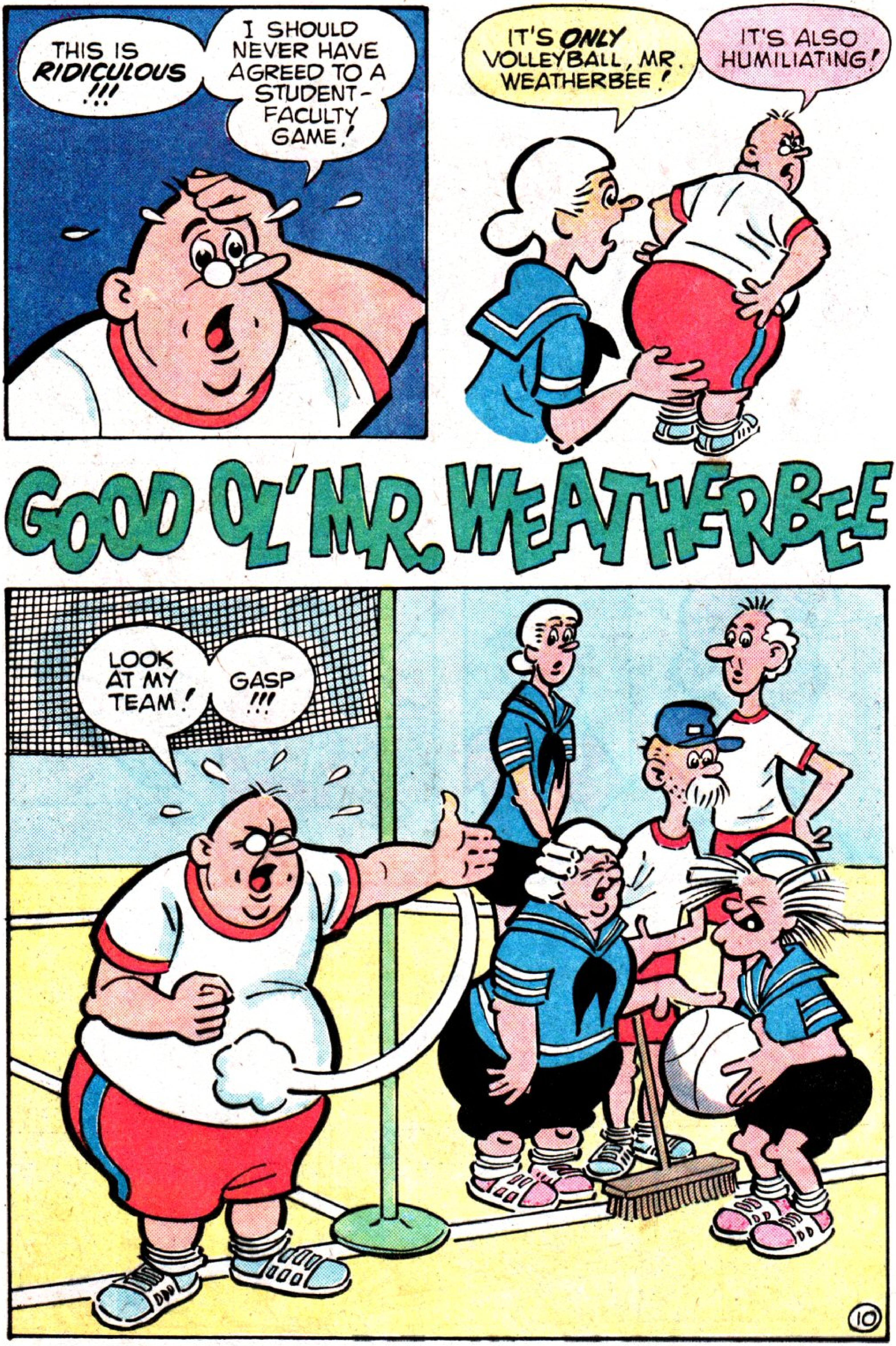

Archie
SILLY SLUGGER!
THE BASES ARE LOADED!
TWO OUTS!!!
WE'RE BEHIND BY THREE RUNS!
WHO'S UP?
ARCHIE!!!
WELL, C'MON ARCH! MOVE!!!
COACH
I'M STUCK!!!
6


NOW I REMEMBER WHERE I PUT MY BUBBLE-GUM!!!
GET ARCHIE ANOTHER PAIR OF PANTS!
HURRY!
THESE ARE TOO BIG, MOOSE!
C'MON! YOU'RE DELAYING THE GAME!!!
HOW CAN I BAT LIKE THIS?
STRIKE ONE!
FOOSH!
7


STRIKE TWO!
POOF!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, ARCHIE---
---SWING!
POK!
IT'S A POP FLY!!!
EASY OUT!!!
COACH
BUT LOOK! THE INFIELD IS BREAKING UP!
THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ARCHIE!!!
THEY MISSED THE BALL!
WE WON!!!
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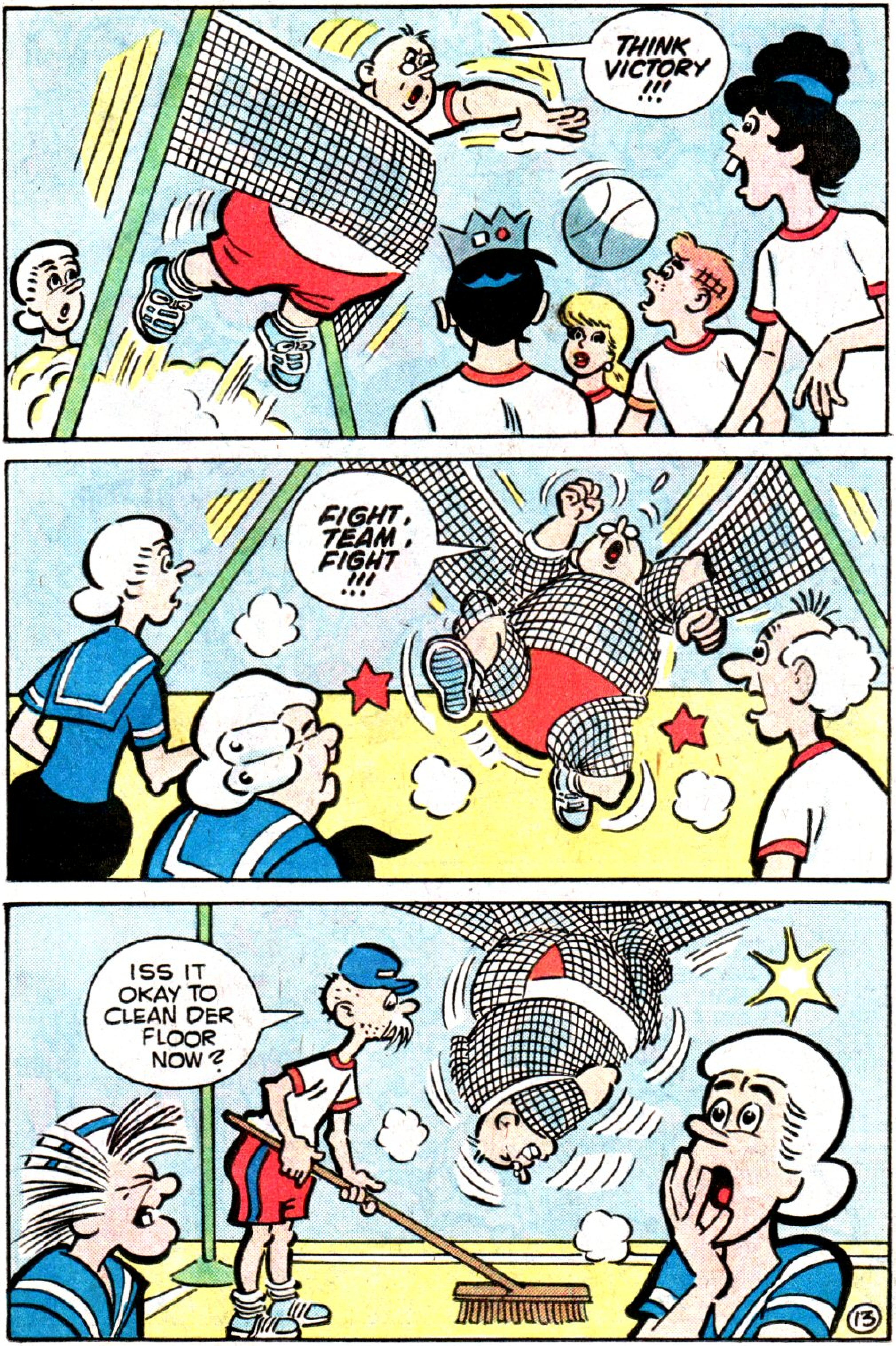
WE NEVER WON A GAME LIKE THIS BEFORE, ARCHIE!
WE'RE GOING TO ADD A TROPHY IN YOUR HONOR !!!
LATER---
DID YOU SEE THE TROPHY CASE, ARCH ?
REGGIE DOESN'T HAVE A MONOPOLY ANYMORE!
Archie
BUT YOU STILL GET A KICK IN THE PANTS, ARCH!
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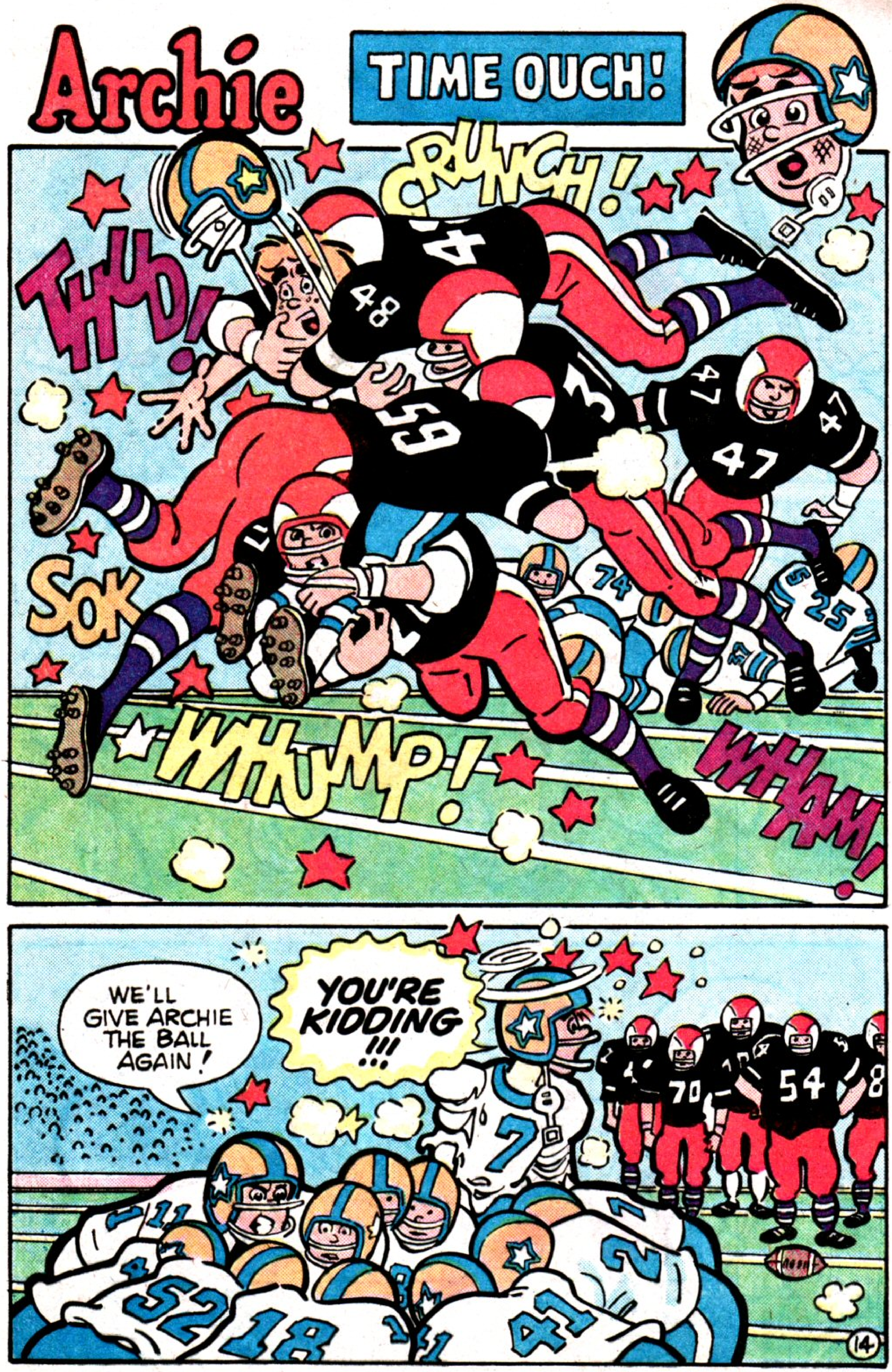


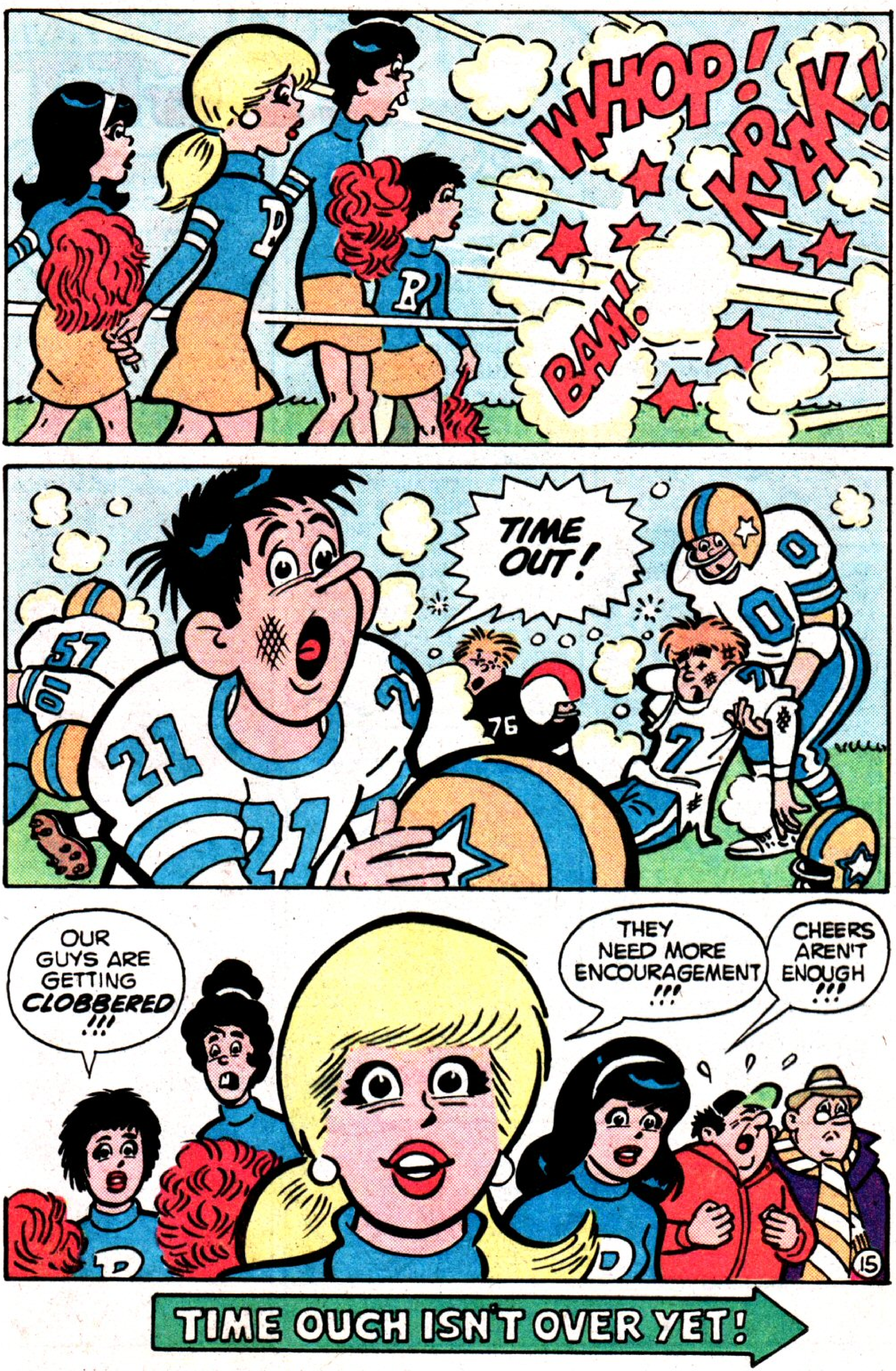
THIS IS RIDICULOUS !!!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE AGREED TO A STUDENT-FACULTY GAME!
IT'S ONLY VOLLEYBALL, MR. WEATHERBEE!
IT'S ALSO HUMILIATING!
GOOD OL' MR. WEATHERBEE
LOOK AT MY TEAM!
GASP !!!
10


WE'LL BE CLOBBERED!
WHERE'S THE NET ???
I CAN'T SEE!
PLAY BALL !!!
HMM--- DER FLOOR NEEDS VAXING!
SVENSON !!!
BONK!
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BALL---
---NOT THE FLOOR!
11


VELL, MY CHOB ISS TO TAKE CARE OF DER FLOOR...
---NOT TO PLAY WALLEYBALL !!!
SVENSON, THIS IS NO TIME TO CLEAN THE FLOOR!
NOW, C'MON TEAM!
LET'S GET OUR ACT TOGETHER!
PLAY TO WIN !!!
NEVER SAY DIE !!!
GIVE THAT SECOND EFFORT !!!
12


THINK VICTORY !!!
FIGHT, TEAM, FIGHT !!!
ISS IT OKAY TO CLEAN DER FLOOR NOW?
13


Archie
TIME OUCH!
CRUNCH!
THUD!
SOK
WHUMP!
WHAM!
WE'LL GIVE ARCHIE THE BALL AGAIN!
YOU'RE KIDDING!!!


WHOP!
KRAK!
BAM!
TIME OUT!
OUR GUYS ARE GETTING CLOBBERED !!!
THEY NEED MORE ENCOURAGEMENT !!!
CHEERS AREN'T ENOUGH !!!
15
TIME OUCH ISN'T OVER YET!

SPECIAL SECTION!
WE GET

DEAR JUGHEAD:
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE EAT THE WAY YOU DO! IS THERE ANY FOOD YOU DON'T LIKE?

BEN R.
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

DEAR BEN:
I DIDN'T THINK I'D LIKE OCTOPUS, BUT IT REALLY GRABS YOU!

JUGHEAD

DEAR DILTON:
I NOTICE YOU READ A LOT OF BOOKS. HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE? IF SO, WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION?

MELISSA R.
MORAVIA, N.Y.

DEAR MELISSA:
FOR A LONG TIME, I HAD AN INTELLECTUAL BIAS WHICH LED ME TO PERCEIVE THE BIBLE AS AN ANCIENT FAIRY TALE!
HOWEVER, I HAVE RECENTLY GOT INTO THE BIBLE AND CHANGED MY MIND COMPLETELY!
I BELIEVE IT IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD AND SPEAKS THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE!

DILTON

DEAR BETTY:
I WISH ARCHIE WOULD WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT A DOLL YOU ARE! WHY IS THE GRASS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE?

SANDY M.
LINCOLN, NEB.

DEAR SANDY:
I GUESS WE'RE ALL LIKE ARCHIE, WE OFTEN MISS THE GOOD THINGS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!
THAT'S WHY WE NEED A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS! HE HELPS US TO SEE THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE!

BETTY

DEAR BIG MOOSE:
YOU NEVER SEEM TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING CLEVER TO SAY! DO YOU EVER GET ANY GOOD IDEAS?

KAY P.
BUSBY, MONT.

DEAR KAY:
D-UH, I'M THINKING...

BIG MOOSE

DEAR PROF. FLUTESNOOT:
EVERY TIME ARCHIE WALKS INTO YOUR CHEMISTRY LAB, I KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
WHAT'S IT LIKE TO HAVE ARCHIE IN YOUR CLASS?

JANIE H.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR JANIE:
WELL, MY NERVES ARE REALLY JANGLED! EVERY FORMULA ARCHIE MAKES EITHER BLOWS UP OR SMELLS LIKE ROTTEN EGGS! I'VE BEEN THINKING OF TEACHING A SAFER SUBJECT!

PROF. F.

DEAR MR. WEATHERBEE:
I REALLY FEEL FOR YOU! YOU'VE FACED A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN ALL YOUR YEARS AS PRINCIPAL OF RIVERDALE HIGH! I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T QUIT!

PHIL D.
JENISON, MICH.

DEAR PHIL:
WHEN I STARTED YEARS AGO, MY BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS RUNNING IN THE HALLS! NOW IT'S DRUGS! THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD FOR ARCHIE AND GANG! THEY GET THEIR VALUES FROM GOD!

MR. W.

DEAR COACH KLEATS:
WHY DOESN'T RIVERDALE HIGH HAVE A SWIM TEAM?

GENE O.
MALIBU, CAL.

DEAR GENE:
BECAUSE ARCHIE CAN'T DROWN IN ANY OF OUR OTHER SPORTS!

COACH KLEATS!

SPECIAL SECTION !
LETTERS!





DEAR REGGIE :

YOU'RE TOO MUCH ! ALL YOU THINK OF IS YOURSELF AND HOW GREAT YOU ARE !

YOU NEVER SEEM TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF TEAMWORK ?

CLARICE S.
ORLANDO, FL.

DEAR CLARICE :

I GUESS I DO COME ON PRETTY STRONG ! BUT, LET'S FACE IT, I AM THE GREATEST ! IF I EVER GET HUMBLE, I'LL BE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW ! REGGIE



DEAR MISS GRUNDY :

YOU ALWAYS STAY COOL, EVEN WHEN MR. WEATHERBEE BLOWS HIS TOP ! HOW DO YOU DO IT ?

KRISTEN R.
TORONTO, ONTARIO

DEAR KRISTEN :

I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE ! MY LORD JESUS IS VERY REAL TO ME AND HE KEEPS MY EMOTIONS UNDER CONTROL ! OTHERWISE ARCHIE WOULD PROBABLY DRIVE ME UP THE WALL !

MISS GRUNDY

DEAR ARCHIE :

I'M A LOT LIKE YOU ! I DON'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE, BUT IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO FIND ME ! IN THE COMICS IT'S FUNNY, BUT IN REAL LIFE IT HURTS !

HOW DO YOU FEEL DEEP DOWN INSIDE WHEN YOU MESS UP SO MUCH ?

RAY T.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI.

DEAR RAY :

I FEEL THE SAME WAY YOU DO ! NO ONE WANTS TO MAKE A MISTAKE AND HAVE PEOPLE MOCK YOU OUT !

IT'S DIFFERENT WITH JESUS ! HE FORGIVES OUR MISTAKES WHEN WE'RE SORRY AND HE LIFTS US UP WHEN WE'RE DOWN ! ARCHIE



DEAR MISS BEAZLY :

I NEVER TASTED YOUR COOKING !

IS IT AS BAD AS EVERYONE SAYS IT IS ?

MABEL S.
AMARILLO, TEX

DEAR MABEL :

OF COURSE NOT ! I PUT MY HEART INTO MY COOKING AND IT REALLY HURTS WHEN FOLKS TURN UP THEIR NOSES ! MAYBE YOU COULD SEND ME SOME RECIPES !

MISS BEAZLY



DEAR VERONICA :

YOU HAVE ALL THE THINGS EVERYONE DREAMS ABOUT, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T SEEM HAPPY ! BETTY HAS A LOT MORE JOY AND LOVE THAN YOU.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN ?

OTTO B.
BISMARK, N.D.

DEAR OTTO :

I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING FUN, FILLING MY LIFE WITH ALL THE THINGS MONEY CAN BUY, BUT MY FRIEND BETTY IS RIGHT ! ONLY GOD CAN FILL A LIFE WITH TRUE JOY !

VERONICA



DEAR BIG ETHEL :

DON'T LET ANYONE CALL YOU UGLY ! GOD MADE YOU AND HE DON'T MAKE NO JUNK ! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL !

NICK T.
BRONX, N.Y.

DEAR NICK :

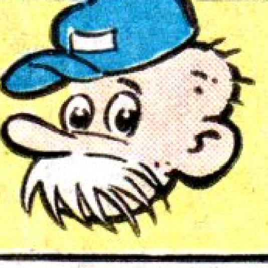
YOU REALLY MADE MY DAY !

BIG ETHEL

DEAR READER :

I DIDN'T GET ANY LETTERS AT ALL !!!

MR. SVENSEN

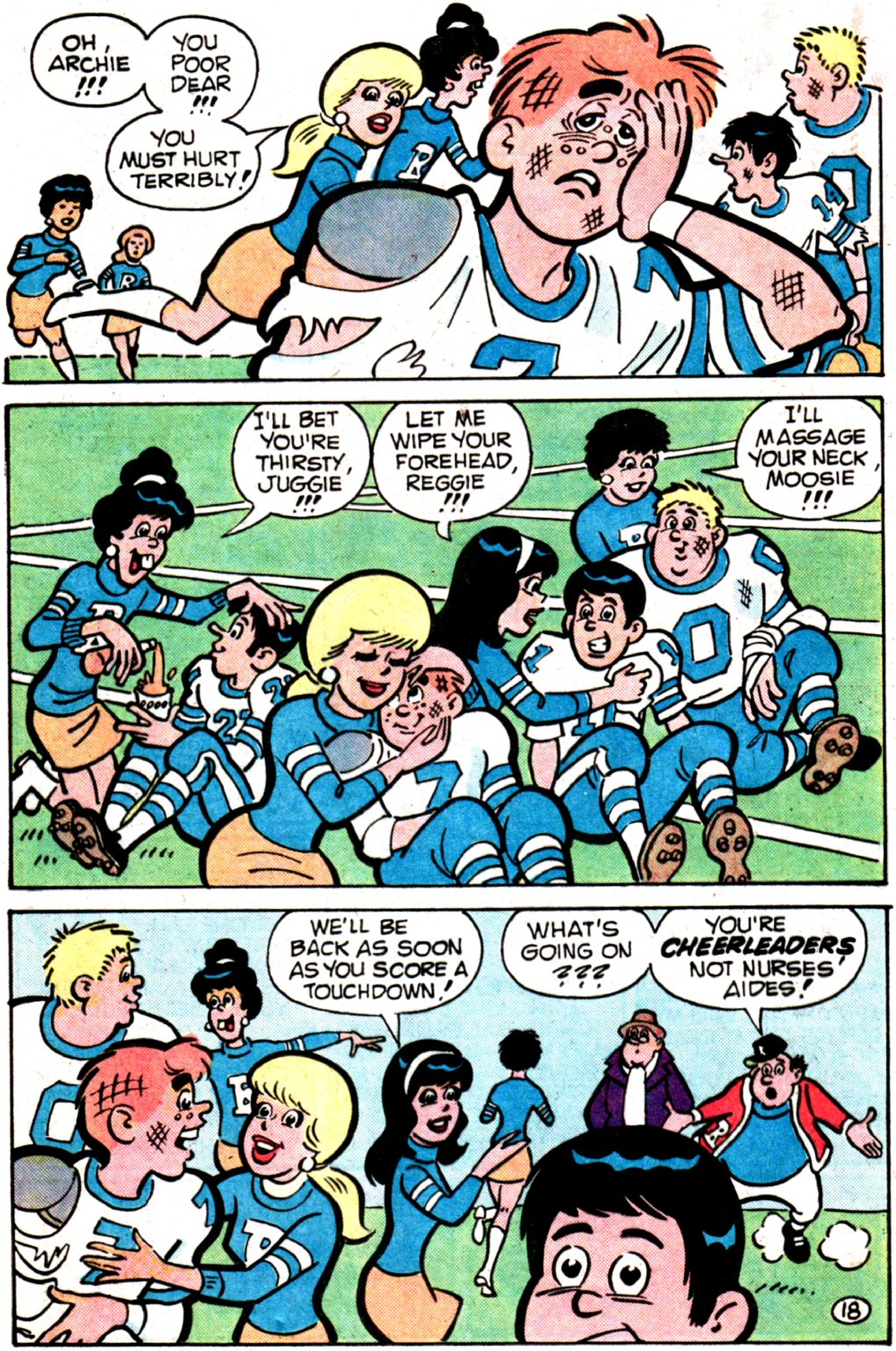


DEAR READER :

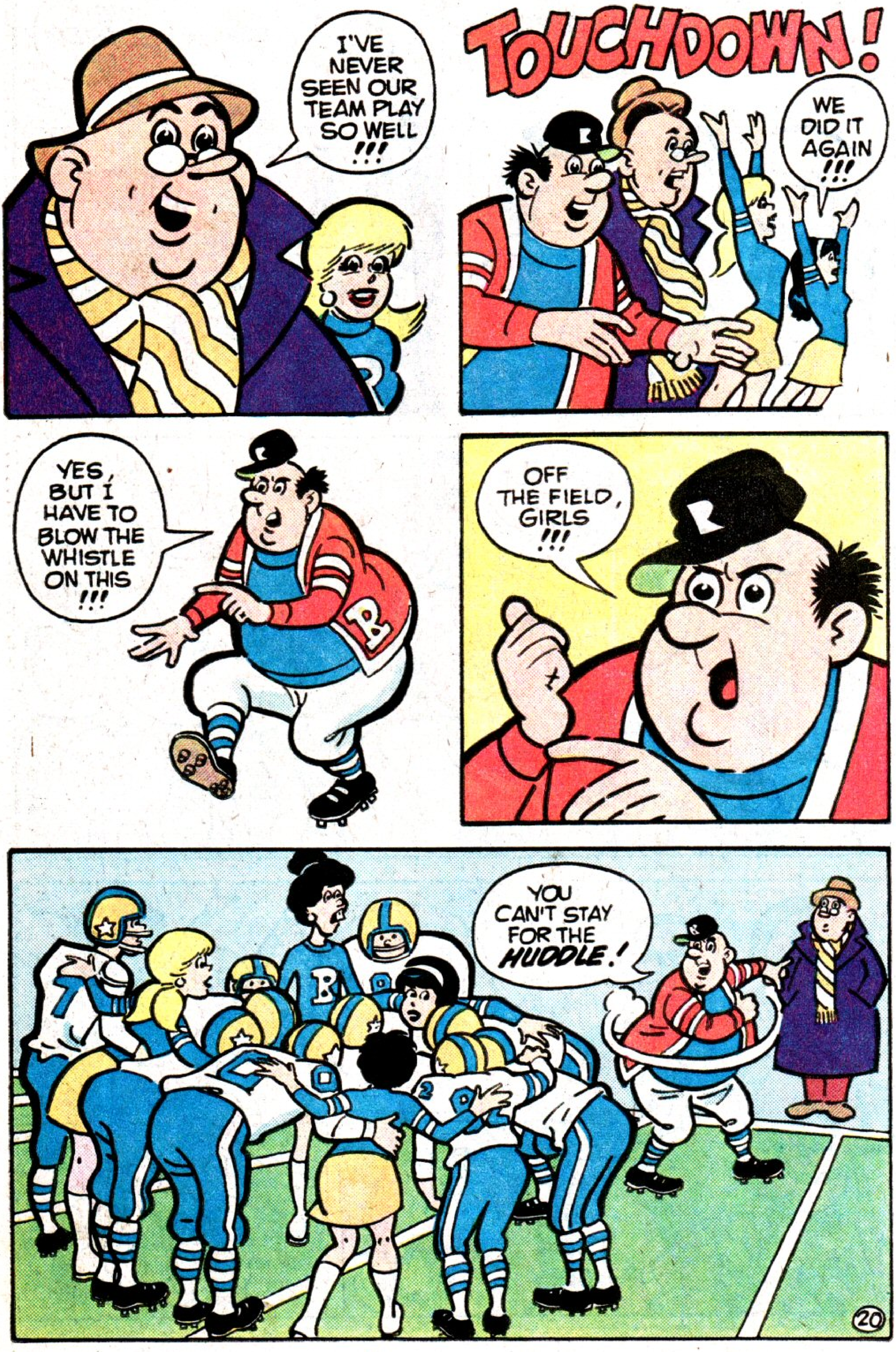
I DIDN'T GET ANY LETTERS EITHER !

MISS HAGGLY

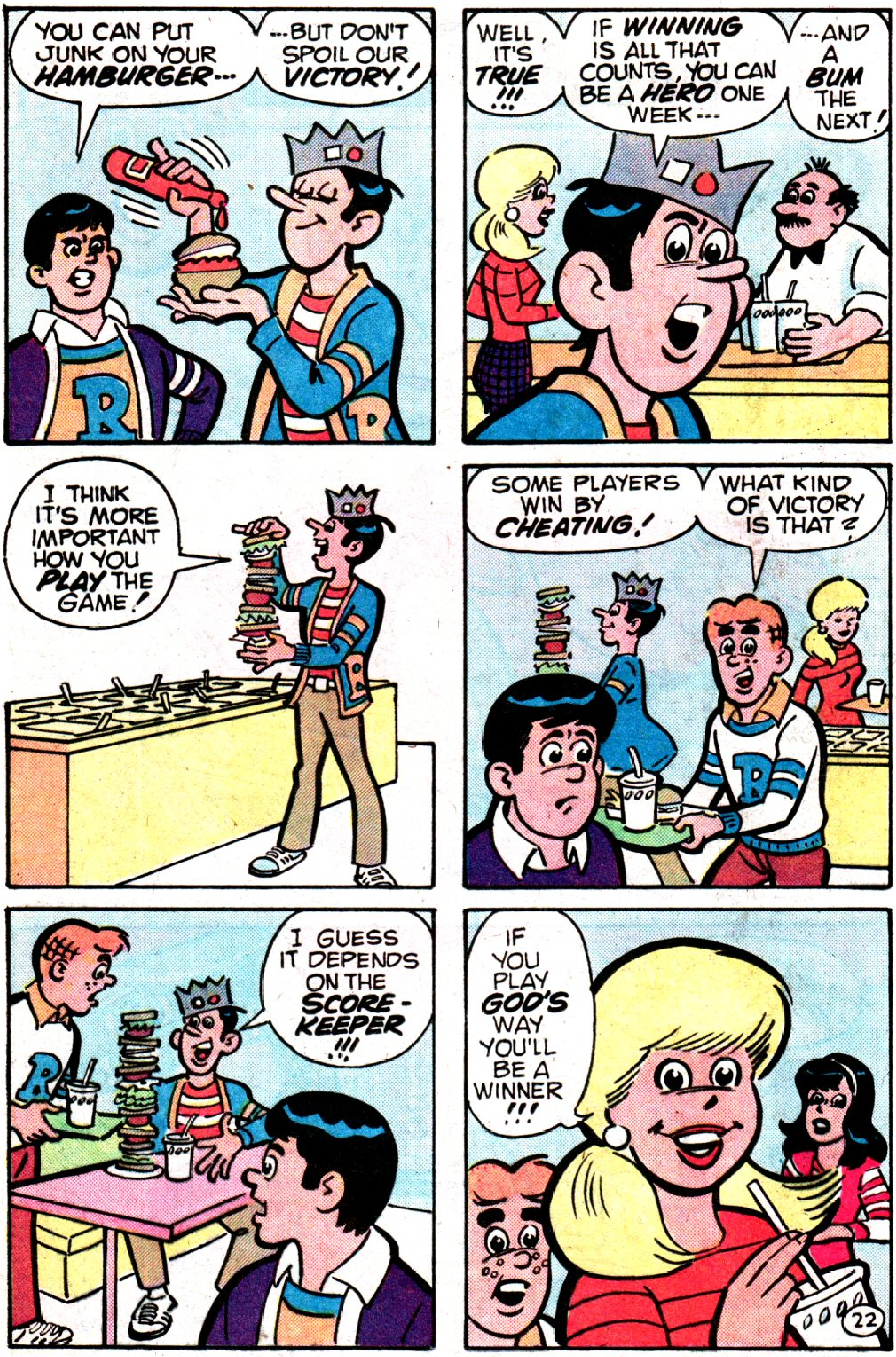



OH, ARCHIE !!!
YOU POOR DEAR !!!
YOU MUST HURT TERRIBLY!
I'LL BET YOU'RE THIRSTY, JUGGIE !!!
LET ME WIPE YOUR FOREHEAD, REGGIE !!!
I'LL MASSAGE YOUR NECK, MOOSIE !!!
WE'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS YOU SCORE A TOUCHDOWN!
WHAT'S GOING ON ???
YOU'RE CHEERLEADERS NOT NURSES' AIDES!
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WE'RE JUST GIVING OUR TEAM SOLID SUPPORT!
THEY NEED TO BE MOTIVATED!!!
COA
WE SCORED!!!
TOUCHDOWN!
WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!
YOU'RE SO STRONG!!!
NICE GOING, GUYS!!!
AND BRAVE!!!
WE'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS YOU SCORE ANOTHER TOUCHDOWN!!!
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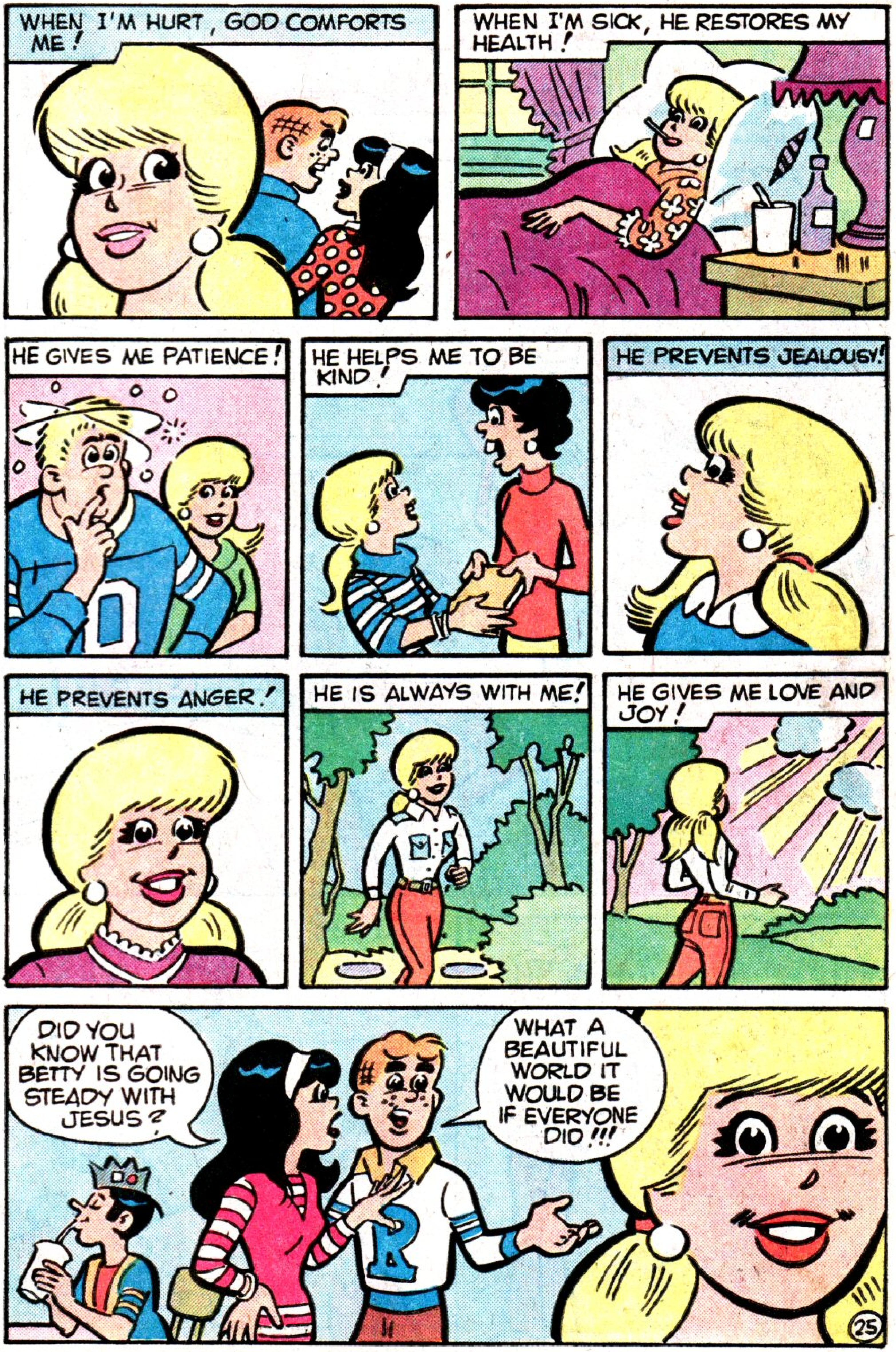

I'VE NEVER SEEN OUR TEAM PLAY SO WELL !!!
TOUCHDOWN!
WE DID IT AGAIN !!!
YES, BUT I HAVE TO BLOW THE WHISTLE ON THIS !!!
OFF THE FIELD, GIRLS !!!
YOU CAN'T STAY FOR THE HUDDLE!
20


Archie
THE WINNERS!
WE WON!
HOORAY !!!
POP'S
VICTORIES ARE SORT OF LIKE HAMBURGERS...
...THEY DON'T LAST LONG* !!!
TOM LANDRY AND THE DALLAS COWBOYS
* SEE THIS BEST SELLING SPIRE COMIC!
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YOU CAN PUT JUNK ON YOUR HAMBURGER---
---BUT DON'T SPOIL OUR VICTORY!
WELL, IT'S TRUE!!!
IF WINNING IS ALL THAT COUNTS, YOU CAN BE A HERO ONE WEEK---
---AND A BUM THE NEXT!
I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME!
SOME PLAYERS WIN BY CHEATING!
WHAT KIND OF VICTORY IS THAT?
I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE SCORE-KEEPER!!!
IF YOU PLAY GOD'S WAY YOU'LL BE A WINNER!!!
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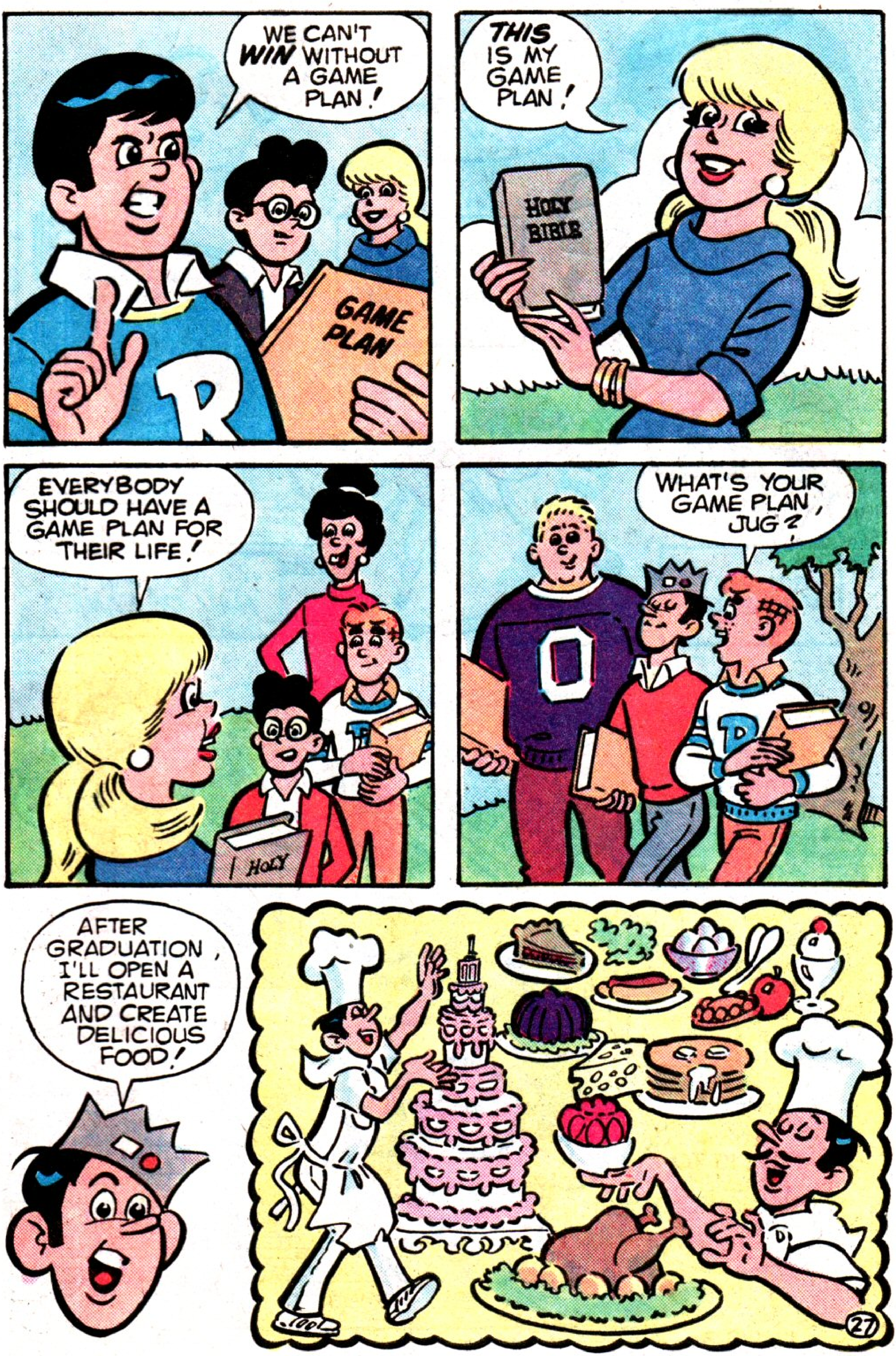

BETTY, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS BRING GOD INTO THINGS?
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HAMBURGERS AND WINNING---
---AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT GOD!
ONLY GOD CAN MAKE US REAL WINNERS, VERONICA!
I CAN'T FORGET HIM!
YOU TALK AS IF GOD IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF YOURS!
HE IS!
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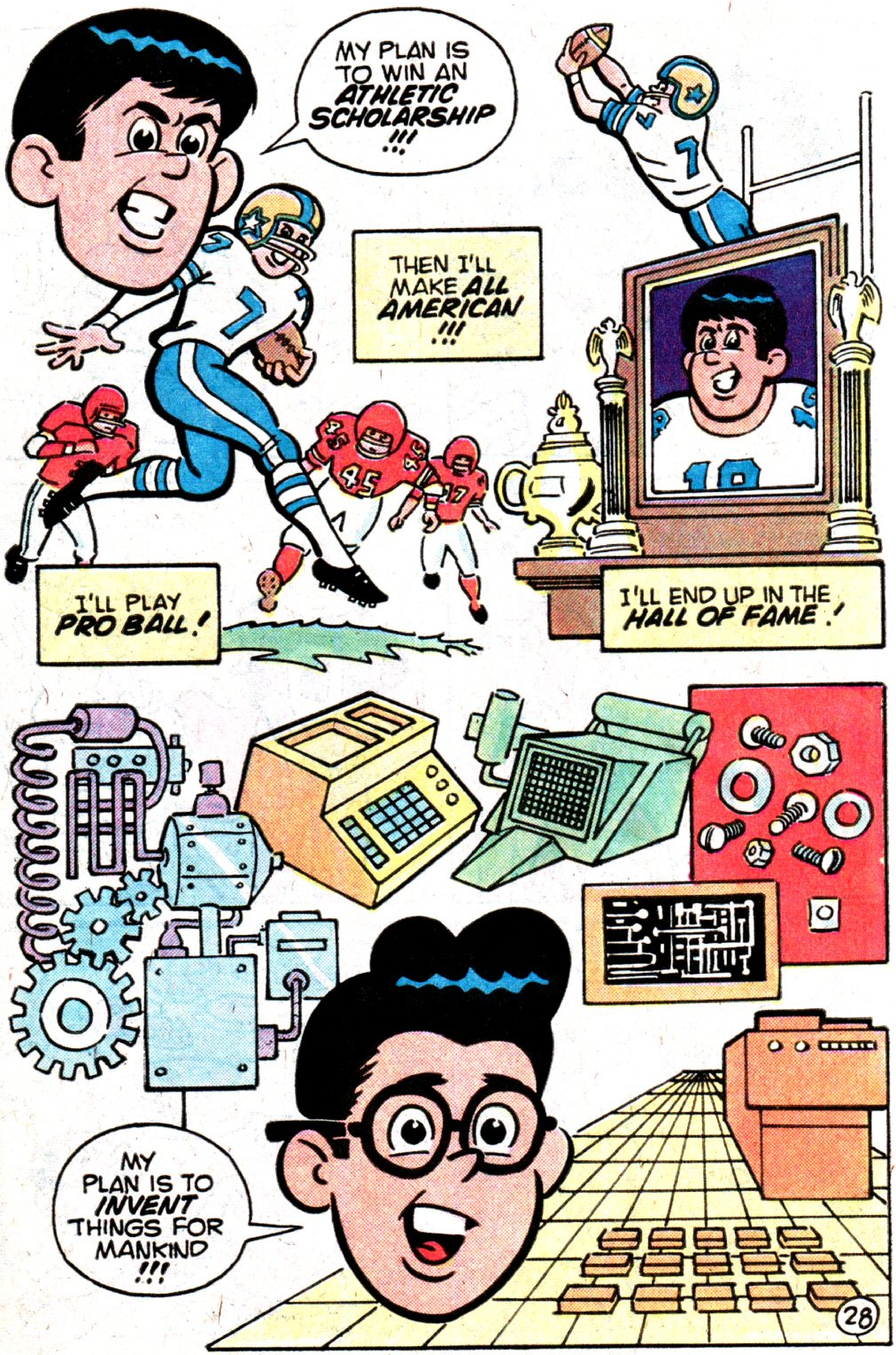

WHEN I JOG, I THANK HIM FOR THE AIR I BREATHE!
WHEN I EAT, I THANK GOD FOR MY FOOD!
I THANK HIM FOR MY HEALTHY BODY!
AND A HEALTHY MIND AND SPIRIT!
I THANK HIM FOR FRIENDS WHO CARE FOR ME!


WHEN I'M HURT, GOD COMFORTS ME!
WHEN I'M SICK, HE RESTORES MY HEALTH!
HE GIVES ME PATIENCE!
HE HELPS ME TO BE KIND!
HE PREVENTS JEALOUSY!
HE PREVENTS ANGER!
HE IS ALWAYS WITH ME!
HE GIVES ME LOVE AND JOY!
DID YOU KNOW THAT BETTY IS GOING STEADY WITH JESUS?
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WORLD IT WOULD BE IF EVERYONE DID!!!
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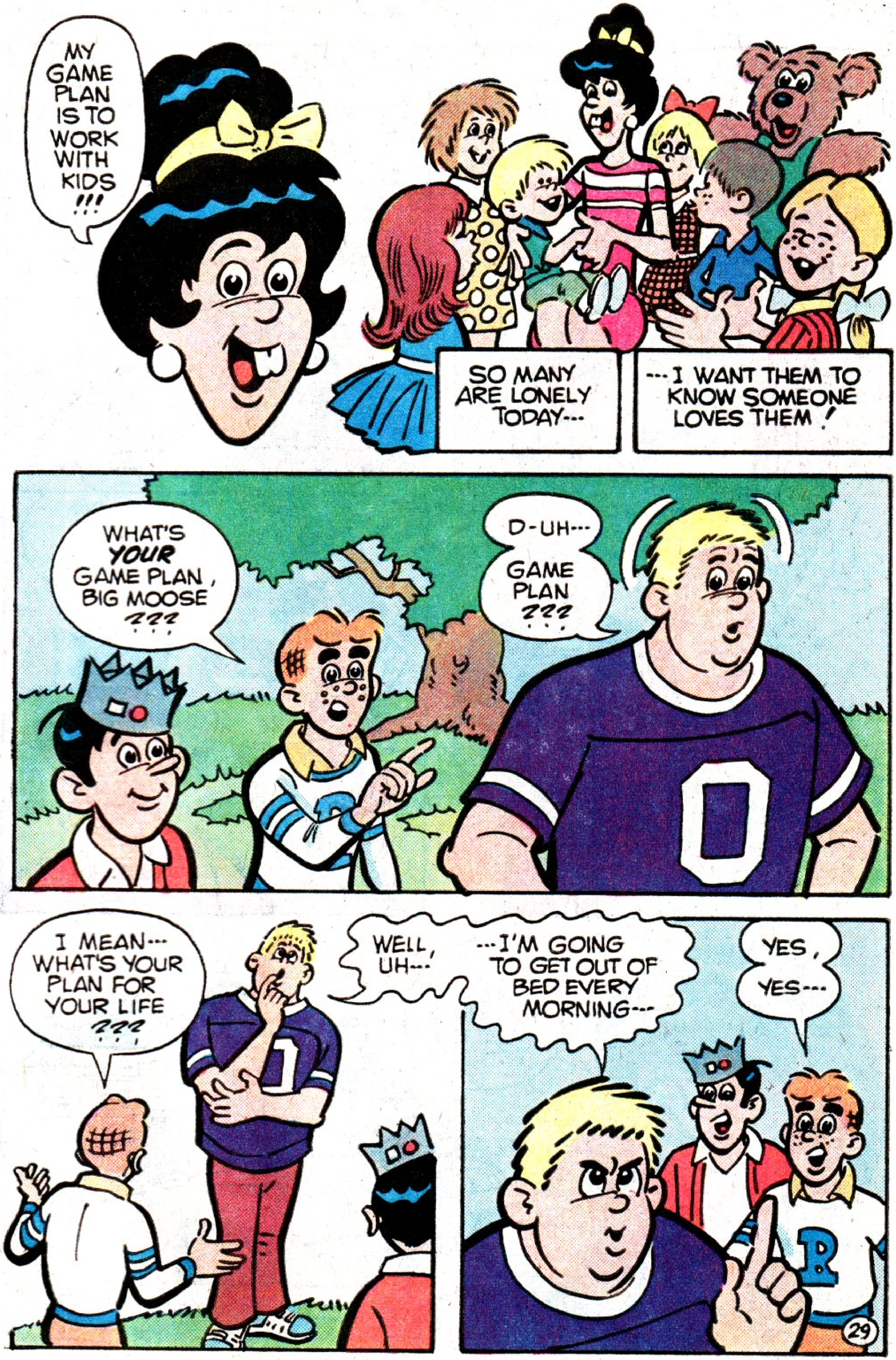


Archie
THE GAME PLAN!
OKAY, TEAM--- ---TAKE THE GAME PLAN HOME AND LEARN IT BY HEART!
GAME PLAN
GAME PLAN
GAME PLAN
GAME PLAN
THAT'S A BIG BOOK, ARCH!
IT'S OUR GAME PLAN!!!
IT HAS ALL THE PLAYS AND SIGNALS FOR THE BIG GAME!
GAME PLAN
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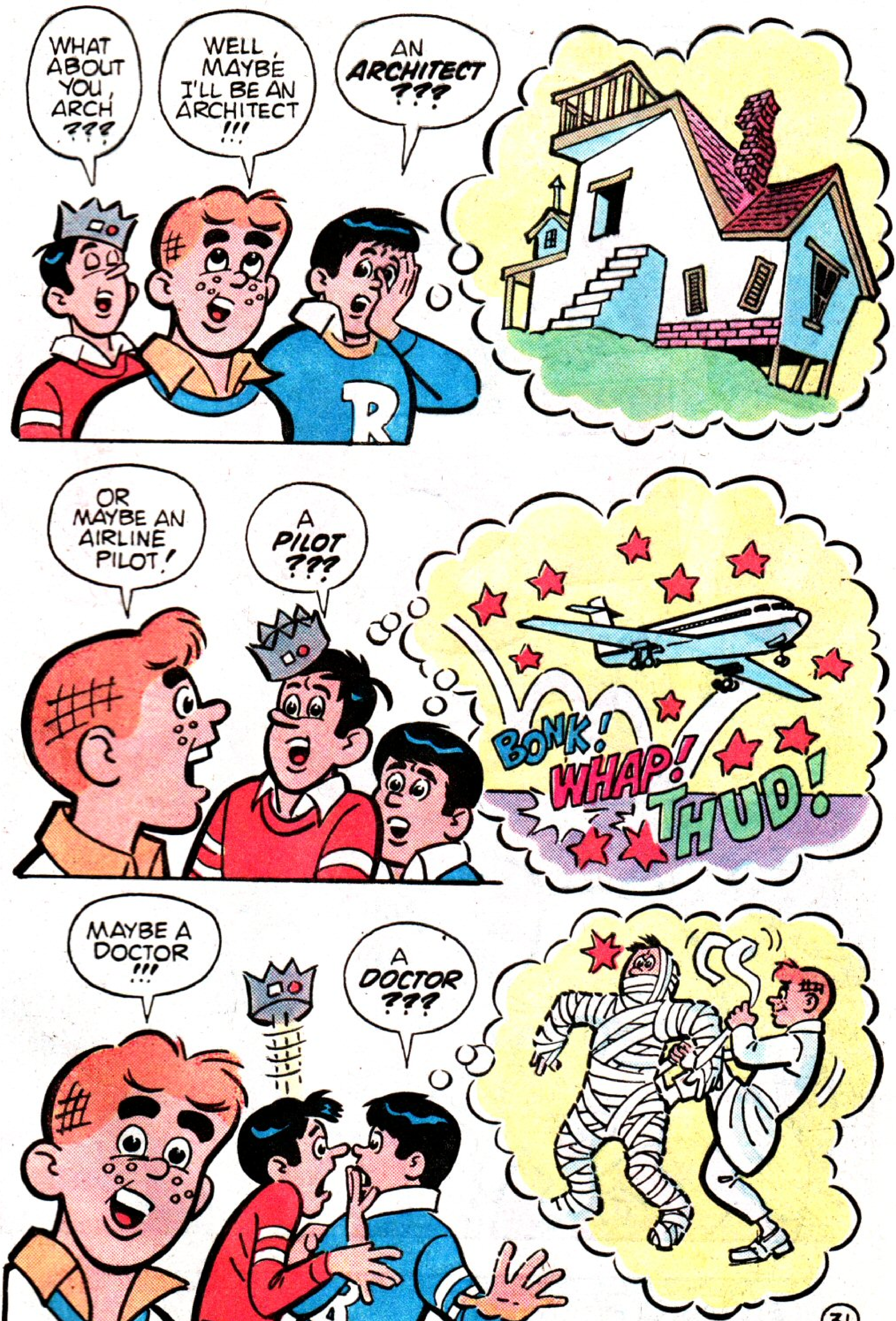

WE CAN'T WIN WITHOUT A GAME PLAN!
GAME PLAN
THIS IS MY GAME PLAN!
HOLY BIBLE
EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A GAME PLAN FOR THEIR LIFE!
HOLY
WHAT'S YOUR GAME PLAN, JUG?
AFTER GRADUATION, I'LL OPEN A RESTAURANT AND CREATE DELICIOUS FOOD!
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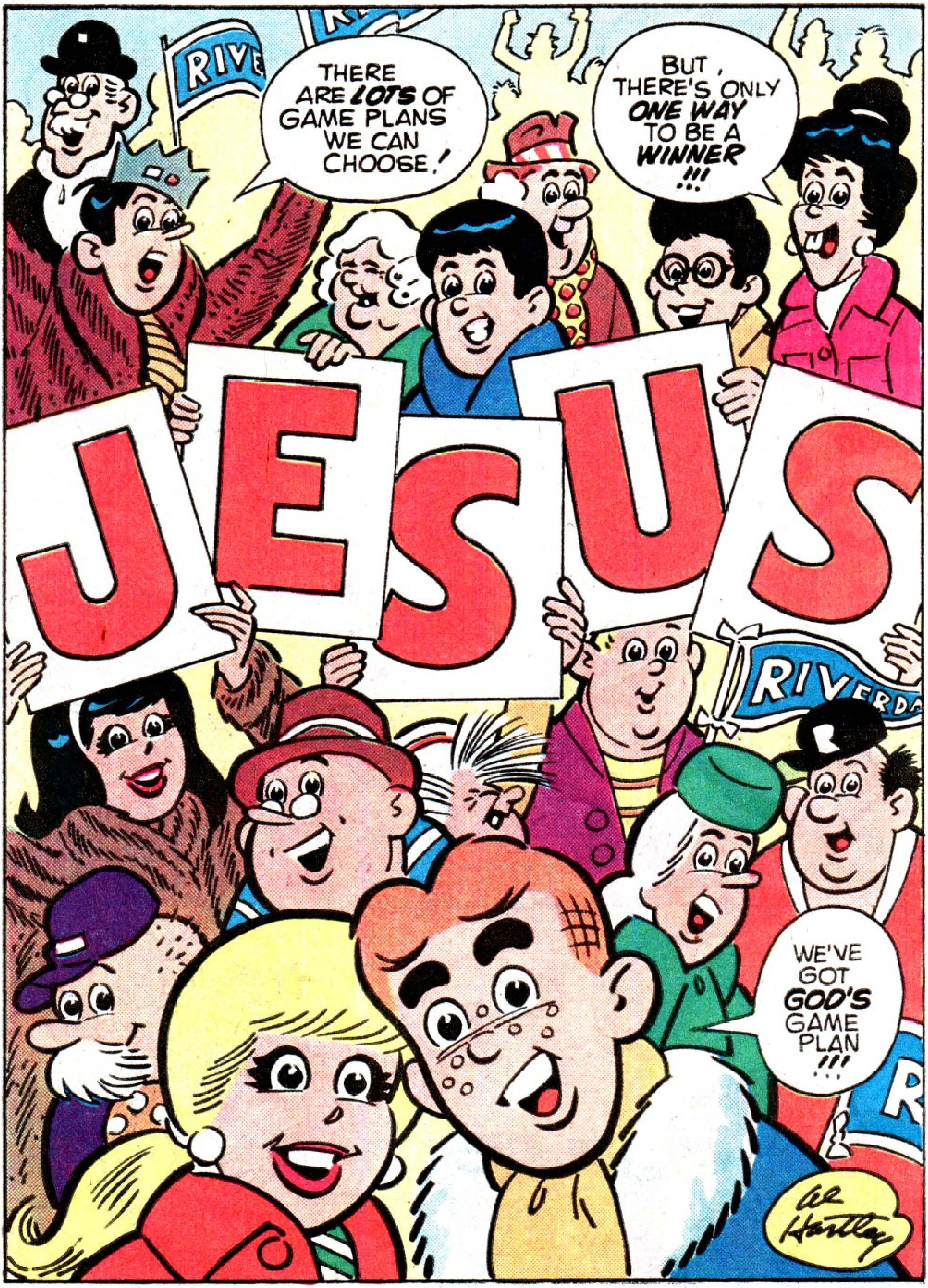


MY PLAN IS TO WIN AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP !!!
THEN I'LL MAKE ALL AMERICAN !!!
I'LL PLAY PRO BALL!
I'LL END UP IN THE HALL OF FAME!
MY PLAN IS TO INVENT THINGS FOR MANKIND !!!


MY GAME PLAN IS TO WORK WITH KIDS !!!
SO MANY ARE LONELY TODAY---
---I WANT THEM TO KNOW SOMEONE LOVES THEM !
WHAT'S YOUR GAME PLAN, BIG MOOSE ???
D-UH--- GAME PLAN ???
I MEAN--- WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE ???
WELL, UH---
---I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF BED EVERY MORNING---
YES, YES---
29


D-UH--- I'LL BRUSH MY TEETH---
OKAY!
OKAY !!!
SO AFTER YOU'RE DRESSED--- THEN WHAT?
???
WELL, I GUESS I'LL EAT BREAKFAST!
I'M NOT GOING TO CHANGE A THING FOR MY GAME PLAN!
I LIKE HAVING A WEALTHY FATHER!
I PLAN TO KEEP ENJOYING IT !!!
30


WHAT ABOUT YOU, ARCH ???
WELL, MAYBE I'LL BE AN ARCHITECT !!!
AN ARCHITECT ???
OR MAYBE AN AIRLINE PILOT!
A PILOT ???
BONK!
WHAP!
THUD!
MAYBE A DOCTOR !!!
A DOCTOR ???

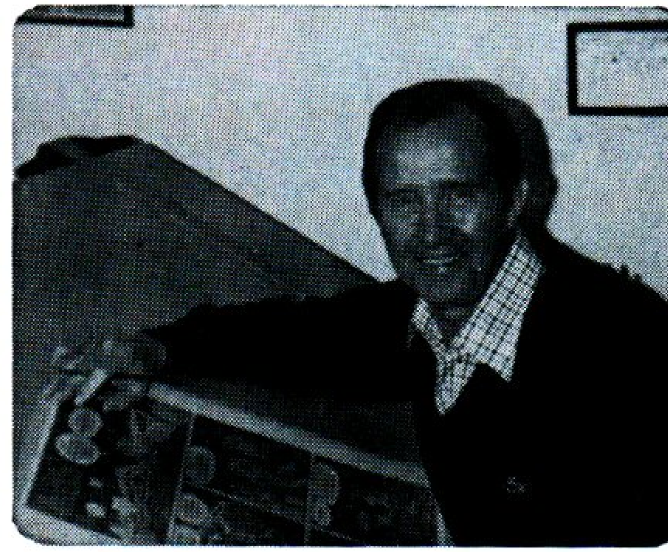


GOD'S GAME PLAN FOR YOU!

THE BEST FOR YOU!

YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING... PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES... PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



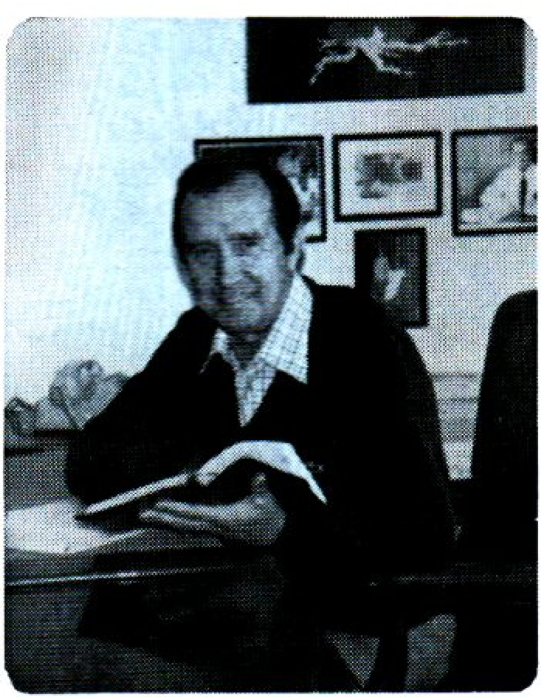
GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU ***FREEDOM OF CHOICE!***
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR ***REJECT IT!***
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

GOD'S PROMISE:

"WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON! EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW... AND KNOW HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! (CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD) PLEASE HELP ME TO LET JESUS BECOME MY LORD AND SAVIOUR! I WANT YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!* WHEN YOU PRAY, GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU! ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Trust God and He will bless you!

Al Hartley


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